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FOUR ARRESTED TRYING TO ILLEGALLY OBTAIN NM DRIVER LICENSES

SANTA FE - Three foreign nationals from Ecuador were arrested for fraudulently applying for a New Mexico driver license on Thursday in Albuquerque. One other individual was arrested with providing the fraudulent documents.

The three Ecuadorians are currently living in Queens, New York, and reportedly paid \$3,000 to a suspected broker with the promise of obtaining a New Mexico driver's license. The following are the arrestees and their charges:

Alvaro Vasquez-Rodriguez, 36. Nationality: Mexico

- -Accessory to Forgery
- -Conspiracy (Altered, forged, or fictitious license)

Luis Cesar Bermejo- Sanango, 21. Nationality: Ecuador

- -Altered, forged, or fictitious license
- -Conspiracy (Altered, forged, or fictitious license)
- -Forgery

Rafael Sanango-Guallpa, 30. Nationality: Ecuador

- -Altered, forged, or fictitious license
- -Conspiracy (Altered, forged, or fictitious license)
- -Forgery

Luis Edgar Bermejo-Velasquez, 21. Nationality: Ecuador

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All four subjects were booked into MDC. The State Police was assisted in this investigation by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue's Tax Fraud Investigations.